

Zone Text Amendment Analysis

February 11, 2009

Application

ZT-17-2008

Sections 7-1-103, 7-2-131, 7-6-1002, 7-6-1012, 7-6-1103, and 7-6-1108, - Fighting Ordinance text change
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Background

With the growing support of fighting events in the media, small businesses have wanted to host fights at their place of business. As there is concern from staff, the Building Department, the Fire Department and the Police Department to keep these events safe for all that are competing and attending, staff is proposing a text change to provide guidelines for fighting events.

This ordinance would add a definition to the ordinance for ‘unarmed combat’ that would include ultimate fighting, kick boxing, boxing, martial arts, or combative event where a fee is charged. This would not include classes at a karate school or a similar instructional setting. The fighting event would be limited to permanent facilities with permanent seating. In addition, a series of requirements are already required as part of the State Code that are placed on the event to provide utmost safety. These requirements include keeping a doctor ringside, requiring an ambulance onsite, requiring fighters to have a physical before and after the match, requiring law enforcement officers onsite, and so on. These events would require a conditional use permit in C-2, C-3, and M zones and would not be permitted in other zones. In addition, unarmed combat would be added to the regulations for reception halls that would require fighting events to be located at least 500 feet from any residential property line if later than ten o’clock pm.

Recommendations/ Staff Alternatives

- Approval of the Fighting Events Text Change, subject to any issues raised at the public hearing
- Continuance, for resolution of any issues that may arise at the public hearing.
- Denial of Fighting Events Text Change

Attachments

- Proposed Ordinance